

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Finance Department – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Mundru Ravi, formerly Senior Accountant, B-2, Office of Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District Machilipatnam – Trapped on 12.01.2011 – Sanction for prosecution – Accorded – Orders-issued

FINANCE (ADMN.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 233

Dated:19/10/2011

O R D E R:

Whereas Sri Mundru Ravi, S/o M. Nageswara Rao worked as Senior Accountant B-2, Office of the Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna district Machilipatnam from 08-09-2000 to 12-01-2011 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a “Public Servant” as defined under clause(c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna, S/o Sri Kotaiah, is a Retired Head Master, r/o Flat No. 406, Mahalakshmi Residency, Tadepalli Town and Mandal, Guntur District;

3. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna retired from service on 30-06-2010 as Gazetted Head Master Grade-II from Z.P. High School, Konatham Atmakuru, Nandigama Mandal, Krishna District. The Deputy Educational Officer, Nandigama sent his pension proposals to the Accountant General’s Office for sanction of pension benefits. The papers regarding his pensionary benefits viz., pension, retirement gratuity and commutation were dispatched from the office of the Principal Accountant General, Hyderabad to the District Treasury Officer, Krishna, Machilipatnam on 23-12-2010 to make arrangements for the payment of amounts. Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna approached the Office of the District Treasury, Krishna, Machilipatnam on 06-01-2011 A/N, as the said papers are to be transmitted to the Sub-Treasury Officer, Nandigama to make arrangement for the payment of pension amount. When Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna went to the District Treasury Office, the District Treasury Officer was not found in the office. Then Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna came to know that Sri Mundru Ravi, formerly Senior Accountant, B-2, was dealing with the subject, he met Sri Mundru Ravi and requested him for getting his pension papers transmitted to the Sub-Treasury Officer, Nandigama to make arrangements for the payment of pension amount. He explained to Sri Mundru Ravi that he had been suffering due to non-receipt of pensionary benefits, though he retired six months ago and requested to transmit the pension papers to the Sub Treasury Office, Nandigama without further delay for necessary payments. Sri Mundru Ravi demanded Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna to pay Rs. 1,500/- as bribe for speedy transmission of his papers to the S.T.O., Nandigama, otherwise Sri Mundru Ravi told that he would not process the papers. Sri Mundru Ravi also delayed for two months to process the file belonging to one Smt. K.M.S.Sugnanam of Jayanthi village and caused lot of inconvenience to her. Though Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna was against the payment of bribe amount, he accepted to pay the amount with a fear that Sri Mundru Ravi would not transmit the pension papers immediately and he might cause inconvenience to Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna. Sri Dulipalla Prasanna who was not willing to pay the bribe, agreed for the same unwillingly. On 10-01-2011 at 11.00 am Sri Dulipalla Prasanna proceeded to the office of DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada and lodged a complaint against Sri Mundru Ravi and requested to take necessary action against him. The Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru, full additional charge, Vijayawada Range, received report from Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna and instructed the District inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau , Vijayawada Range to verify the contents of the complaint and antecedents of Sri Mundru Ravi as well as those of Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna. After receipt of the verification report, the DSP, registered a case in Cr. No. 02/RCT-VJA/2011 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and arranged for a trap on 12-01-2011 at 10.30 am after obtaining permission from the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau., A.P., Hyderabad;

4. And whereas, after completion of proceedings drafted under a cover of Mediators Report-1, the Deputy Superintendent of Police along with the complainant, mediators, inspectors and other members of the trap party left the DSP, ACB Office, Vijayawada at 1.30 pm on 12-01-2011 in Government vehicle and in a private vehicle and reached the vicinity of the office of Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna, Machilipatnam at 4.15 pm. As per the instructions of the DSP the complainant Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna went straight into the office of Sri Mundru Ravi and met Sri Mundru Ravi found in his seat and requested him about his work. Immediately Sri Mundru Ravi asked him whether he had come prepared with the bribe of Rs. 1,500/- as demanded by him. He replied in affirmative. Then Sri Mundru Ravi asked him to pay the bribe amount of Rs. 1,500/- Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna took out a wad of currency notes from his left side front upper shirt pocket with his right hand and gave the same to Sri Mundru Ravi, who had received it with his right hand and kept the same in his right side upper drawer of his table and closed the drawer. After accepting the bribe, Sri Mundru Ravi gave a carbon copy of his pension order. Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna further stated that after going through the pension pay order, he requested Sri Mundru Ravi to change the address as S.T.O. Nandigama, instead of STO, Kanchikacharla. Then, Sri Mundru Ravi stated that he should inform the STO concerned orally to do favour to Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna. When Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna questioned Sri Mundru Ravi regarding dispatch of pension pay order to the concerned STO, Sri Mundru Ravi replied that he would send it next day. Then Sri Dhulipalla Prasanna came out of the office and gave the pre-arranged signal. The trap party rushed into the office. The DSP disclosed his identity to Sri Mundru Ravi and conducted Sodium Carbonate solution tests on both hand fingers of Sri Mundru Ravi and the right hand fingers proved positive. On questioning of the DSP, Sri Mundru Ravi pulled the right side drawer of his wooden table and showed a wad of currency notes in it and as per the instructions of the DSP one of the mediators took the tainted currency notes and the serial numbers when compared with the serial numbers mentioned in the pre-trap proceedings found tallied. On the instructions of DSP, one of the mediators searched the right side upper drawer of the table of Sri Mundru Ravi and found an amount of Rs. 4,200/- beside the tainted amount in four wads for which Sri Mundru Ravi did not give any account. The DSP had also seized the above amount of Rs. 4,200/- to proceed further in this case. The DSP got swab test conducted on the surface of paper that came into contact with the tainted amount and the same yielded positive result. The DSP seized the tainted amount of Rs. 1,500/- and connected records etc. for purpose of further investigation;

5. And whereas, Sri Mundru Ravi, Senior Accountant, was placed under suspension as per Cir.Memo.No.36761/Ser.C/2004, dt. 12.03.2004 of G.A (Ser.C) Department, vide the Proceedings of Deputy Director of District Treasury, Krishna, Machilipatnam in Pro. No. A3/314/2011 dt. 17-01-2011;

6. And whereas, the said acts of Sri Mundru Ravi, formerly Senior Accountant, B-2, Office of Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District Machilipatnam constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and sub section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being competent authority to remove Sri Mundru Ravi formerly Senior Accountant, B-2, Office of Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District, Machilipatnam from service, after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. Final Report, F.I.R., mediator names, gist of statement of witnesses etc.,) placed before them in respect of the aforesaid acts and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that Sri Mundru Ravi, formerly Senior Accountant, B-2, Office of Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District, Machilipatnam should be prosecuted in a Court of Law;

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8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the above said Sri Mundru Ravi, formerly Senior Accountant, B-2, Office of Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District Machilipatnam for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offence punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

12. The G.O. is available on Internet and can be accessed at the address
<http://www.goir.ap.gov.in>

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

To

The Director General,
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copy to The. A.P., Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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